

Travel Warning

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The Department of State warns U.S. citizens against all travel to Libya. On September 12, 2012 the Department of State ordered the departure of all non-emergency U.S. government personnel from Libya, following the attack on the U.S. Diplomatic mission in Benghazi. The political violence has increased in both Benghazi and Tripoli. The airports in Benghazi and Tripoli are open and U.S. citizens are encouraged to depart by commercial air. This Travel Warning supersedes the Travel Warning dated August 27, 2012.

U.S. citizens traveling to, or remaining in, Libya should use extreme caution and limit nonessential travel within the country, make their own contingency emergency plans, enroll their presence in Libya through the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#), and provide their current contact information and next-of-kin or emergency contact information.

The [Embassy's website](#), includes consular information and the most recent [messages for U.S. citizens](#) in [Libya](#). U.S. citizens in need of emergency assistance should call 091-379-4560 within Libya or 218-91-379-4560 if dialing from outside of Libya.

For information on "What the Department of State Can and Can't Do in a Crisis," please visit the [Bureau of Consular Affairs' Emergencies and Crisis link](#). Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

For further information, U.S. citizens should consult the Department of State's [Country Specific Information for Libya](#). Stay up to date by bookmarking our [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#), which contains the current [Travel Warnings](#) and [Travel Alerts](#) as well as the [Worldwide Caution](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the [Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook](#) as well. You can also download our free Smart Traveler App, available through [iTunes](#) and the [Android market](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.